

Executive Registry

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7 December 1958

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Dear Stoddard:

Referring to our recent conversations and to your letter of 2 December, I am delighted to hear that the Old Dominion Foundation is considering a grant to the over-all estimated cost of preparing and publishing a history of the OSS. This project has our wholehearted approval and backing as indicated in the attached letter of 7 August 1958, which I wrote to Whitney Shepardson at the time he agreed to undertake this task, assuming that appropriate financing was arranged.

As indicated in this letter we will grant all facilities to Whitney in the preparation of this work and it is understood with Whitney that he will confer with us with respect to any security issues involved in the publication. Meanwhile, however, we expect to open up the OSS records to him on a very liberal basis.

If you feel it would be of any help, I would be very glad to write Paul Mellon at the Old Dominion Foundation, but possibly this letter to you will suffice.

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Dear Allen:

Enclosed is a statement of the project to prepare and publish a history of the O.S.S., about which I spoke to you yesterday and on the telephone last week.

Old Dominion Foundation has been considering the desirability of making a \$10,000 contribution to the over-all estimated cost of \$44,000.

It was nice to see you on Monday.

Faithfully yours,
Stoddard

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